AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the below Listing of Claims that will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing legal information comprising associated items of legal information and content, the system comprising:

at least one computer[[,]] and a plurality of user terminals which communicate over a network;

at least one database associated with the at least one computer ~~for~~ storing the legal information in association with ~~related to~~ a plurality of legal topics and ~~to at least one type of legal information of~~ a plurality of types of legal information; ~~the information being stored in relation to the plurality of legal topics;~~ and

~~programming stored on~~ a computer readable medium or media storing programming that causes the at least one computer to:

access within the at least one database legal information in association with ~~to~~ at least one legal topic responsive ~~that has been stored in relation to at least one legal topic, in response~~ to a request received from a ~~user-accessible~~ user terminal ~~coupled with the system~~; and

cause each item of legal information associated with the accessed information to be provided for display ~~displayed~~ on a display device associated with the user terminal from which the request was received, tabulated by type of legal information and configured to be selectable at the user terminal to provide a request for display on the display device of the content associated with the selected item.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of types of legal information comprises at least two of: administrative action, legislative action, rulemaking, reported judicial decisions, and news.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein <u>causing each item of legal</u> ~~tabulating the displayed~~ information <u>to be provided for display</u> comprises <u>causing each item of legal information to be provided for display</u> ~~displaying information related to each type~~ in a separate display window <u>by type</u>.

4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the plurality of types of legal information comprises at least two of: administrative action, legislative action, rulemaking, reported judicial decisions, court filings, news, and secondary materials.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the plurality of types of legal information comprises at least: administrative action, legislative action, rulemaking, reported judicial decisions, court filings, news, and secondary materials.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of legal topics comprises at least two of: admiralty and maritime; alternative dispute resolution; antitrust; trade regulation; banking; finance; bankruptcy; business; commercial; consumer rights; corporate; business organizations; civil rights; collectibles and personal property; communications; media; constitutional; construction; contracts; criminal; education; employment; labor; entertainment; gaming; sports; environmental; estates, trusts, and wills; family; government; elections and politics; government benefits; government contracts; government administration; state government; local government; health; human rights; immigration; insurance; intellectual property; copyrights; patents; trademarks; international; international trade; internet; litigation; litigation administration; appellate procedure; civil procedure; damages and remedies; evidence; mergers and acquisitions; military; natural resources; energy; native populations; professions and occupations; professional licensing; professional responsibility; products liability; real property; science and technology; securities; US federal taxation; state taxation; international taxation; torts; transportation; and workers' rights.

7.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the programming ~~stored on the computer readable medium or media~~ causes the at least one computer to:

automatically[[:]] access within the at least one database new <u>legal</u> information responsive to the request <u>while each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information is provided for display on the display device</u>; and

~~cause~~ <u>provide for display on the display device</u> each item of legal information associated <u>with</u> the accessed new <u>legal</u> information ~~to be displayed on a display device associated with the terminal from which the request was received, the information~~ <u>together</u> with each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information all tabulated by type ~~of legal information according to a classification~~.

8.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the programming ~~stored on the computer readable medium or media~~ causes the at least one computer to:

automatically and periodically[[:]]access the at least one database to determine whether new <u>legal</u> information responsive to the request is stored within the at least one database <u>while each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information is provided for display on the display device</u>; and

if new <u>legal</u> information responsive to the request is stored within the at least one database, ~~cause~~ <u>provide for display on the display device</u> each item of legal information associated <u>with</u> the new <u>legal</u> information ~~to be displayed on a display on a display device associated wit the terminal from which the request was received,~~ <u>together</u> with each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information <u>all</u> tabulated by type ~~of~~ <u>legal information</u>.

9.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the programming ~~stored on the computer readable medium or media~~ causes the at least one computer to:

automatically and continually[[:]]access the at least one database to determine whether new <u>legal</u> information responsive to the request is stored within the at least one database <u>while each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information is provided for display on the display device</u>; and

if new <u>legal</u> information responsive to the request is stored within the at least one database, ~~cause~~ <u>provide for display on the display device each item of legal information associated with</u> the new <u>legal</u> information ~~to be displayed on a display on a display device associated wit the terminal from which the request was received,~~ <u>together with each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information all</u> tabulated by type ~~of legal information~~.

10.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, comprising a plurality of databases for storing the <u>legal</u> information ~~in relation to the at least one legal topic~~, wherein the <u>legal</u> information is stored in separate databases ~~according to the respective at least one~~ <u>by</u> legal topic ~~in relation to which the information is stored~~.

11.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, comprising a plurality of databases for storing the <u>legal</u> information ~~in relation to the at least one legal topic~~, wherein the <u>legal</u> information is stored in separate databases by type of legal information.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, comprising a plurality of databases for storing the <u>legal</u> information ~~in relation to the at least one legal topic~~, wherein the <u>legal</u> information is provided by a plurality of sources, and the <u>legal</u> information is stored in separate databases according to the source[[s]] that provided the information.

Claims 13-15. (Canceled).

16.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~programming for providing legal information, the system comprising at least one computer, at least one database associated with the at least one computer for storing items of legal information and at least one document including written information associated with each item, the legal information being stored in relation to at least one of a plurality of legal topics and related to at least one type of legal information of a plurality of types of legal information, and programming stored on a computer readable medium or media that~~ causes the at least one computer to[[:]] display on the display device tabulated by type each item of legal information provided for display.

~~display, on a display device coupled to a user-accessible terminal coupled with the system, items of legal information, tabulated by type;~~

~~access within at least one database, in response to a request received from the user-accessible terminal, content information associated with a document related to an item of the displayed information; and~~

~~cause the accessed content information to be displayed on the display device associated with the terminal from which the request for content information was received.~~

17.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein each item of legal information displayed on the display device is associated with a ~~the items comprise~~ selectable link[[s]] to the associated content, and wherein the programming causes the at least one computer to generate a ~~the~~ request to retrieve the associated content from the at least one database ~~is generated by a user selecting~~ in response to selection of a selectable link ~~using an input device coupled with~~ at the user-accessible ~~user~~ terminal.

18.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5 7 ~~16~~, wherein the displayed content ~~information~~ comprises a complete version of a document.

19.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5 7 ~~16~~, wherein the displayed content ~~information~~ comprises an abbreviated version of a document.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the abbreviated version of a document comprises a summary of a document.

21.   (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the abbreviated version of a document comprises at least one redacted portion of a document.

22.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 57, wherein the displayed content ~~information~~ comprises at least a partial image of a document.

23.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 57, wherein displayed ~~the accessed~~ content and ~~information is~~ a displayed ~~as a~~ item of information with which the displayed content is associated are displayed in different display windows ~~than displayed information items~~.

24.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 57, wherein displayed ~~the accessed~~ content and ~~information is~~ a displayed ~~on a~~ item of information with which the displayed content is associated are displayed in different monitor screens ~~than displayed information items~~.

Claims 25-29. (Canceled).

30.   (Currently Amended) A method of processing legal information, the method comprising:

assigning to each of a plurality of documents~~, received from at least one information source,~~ which each comprises legal ~~comprising~~ information relating to a plurality of legal topics ~~and stored in relation to a plurality of legal topics,~~ at least one identifier associated with (a) at least one of the legal topics ~~in relation to which the document is stored~~ and (b) at least one of a plurality of types of legal information ~~stored within the at least one legal topic~~;

formatting the ~~received~~ documents according to a protocol;

storing the formatted documents in at least one database;

using identifiers associated with the stored documents to identify documents within the at least one database responsive to a request received from a ~~user-accessible~~ user terminal for information related to at least one of the plurality of legal topics; and

causing ~~legal~~ information associated with the identified documents to be provided for display ~~displayed~~ on [[a]] the display ~~device associated with the user accessible terminal from which the request was received~~, tabulated by type.

Claim 31.   (Canceled).

32.   (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein documents are stored in a plurality of databases.

33.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the documents are stored in the plurality of databases according to at least one of: the topics in relation to which the respective documents are stored, the types assigned to the documents, and a source ~~the sources~~ of the documents.

34.   (Original) The method of claim 30, comprising:

checking formatted documents for compliance with a document receiving protocol; and

generating a notice of defects automatically upon determination that a checked document does not comply with the protocol.

35.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, comprising automatically performing the assigning and formatting steps on ~~resubmitting~~ the non-complying document ~~for reprocessing~~.

Claims 36 -55. (Canceled).

56.   (New) The system of claim 16 wherein the programming stored on the computer readable medium or media causes the at least one computer to provide for display on the display device content associated with a displayed item of legal information in response to selection thereof at the user terminal.

57.   (New) The system of claim 56 wherein the programming stored on the computer readable medium or media causes the at least one computer to display on the display device the content provided for display.

58. (New) A method for providing legal information comprising associated items of legal information and content in a system comprising at least one computer and a plurality of user terminals which communicate over a network, and at least one database associated with the at least one computer storing the legal information in association with a plurality of legal topics and a plurality of types of legal information, the method comprising:

the at least one computer accessing within the at least one database legal information responsive to a request from a user terminal; and

the at least one computer providing for display on a display device associated with the user terminal from which the request was received each item of legal information associated with the accessed information, tabulated by type of legal information and configured to be selectable at the user terminal to provide a request for display on the display device of the content associated with the selected item.

59. (New) The method of claim 58, comprising the at least one computer displaying on the display device tabulated by type each item of legal information provided for display.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, comprising the at least one computer providing for display on the display device content associated with a displayed item of legal information in response to selection thereof at the user terminal.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, comprising the at least one computer displaying on the display device the content provided for display.

62. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein displaying each item of legal information comprises displaying each item of legal information in a separate display window by type.

63. (New) The system of claim 61, wherein displaying the content comprises displaying the content in a different display window than each associated displayed item.

64. (New) The system of claim 61, wherein displaying the content comprises displaying the content in a different monitor screen than each associated displayed item.

65.   (New) The method of claim 59, wherein each item of legal information displayed on the display device is associated with a selectable link to the associated content, the method comprising generating a request to retrieve the associated content by selection of a selectable link at the user terminal.

66.   (New) The method of claim 58, comprising the at least one computer:

automatically accessing within the at least one database new legal information responsive to the request while providing for display each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information; and

providing for display on the display device each item of legal information associated with the accessed new legal information together with each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information all tabulated by type.

67.   (New) The method of claim 60, comprising the at least one computer:

automatically and periodically accessing the at least one database to determine whether new legal information responsive to the request is stored within the at least one database while each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information is provided for display on the display device; and

if new legal information responsive to the request is stored within the at least one database, providing for display on the display device each item of legal information associated with the new legal information together with each item of legal information associated with the previously accessed legal information all tabulated by type.

68. (New) A computer program product, comprising a computer program stored on a computer readable medium that causes a computer system to perform a method for providing legal information comprising associated items of legal information and content, the computer system comprising at least one computer and a plurality of user terminals which communicate over a network, and at least one database associated with the at least one computer storing the legal information in association with a plurality of legal topics and a plurality of types of legal information, the method comprising:

the at least one computer accessing within the at least one database legal information responsive to a request from a user terminal; and

the at least one computer providing for display on a display device associated with the user terminal from which the request was received each item of legal information associated with the accessed information, tabulated by type of legal information and configured to be selectable at the user terminal to provide a request for display on the display device of the content associated with the selected item.

69. (New) A computer program product, comprising a computer program stored on a computer readable medium that causes at least one computer to perform a method of processing legal information, the method comprising:

assigning to each of a plurality of documents which each comprises legal information relating to a plurality of legal topics, at least one identifier associated with (a) at least one of the legal topics and (b) at least one of a plurality of types of legal information;

formatting the documents according to a protocol;

storing the formatted documents in at least one database;

using identifiers associated with the stored documents to identify documents within the at least one database responsive to a request received from a user terminal for information related to at least one of the plurality of legal topics; and

causing legal information associated with the identified documents to be provided for display on the display device, tabulated by type.